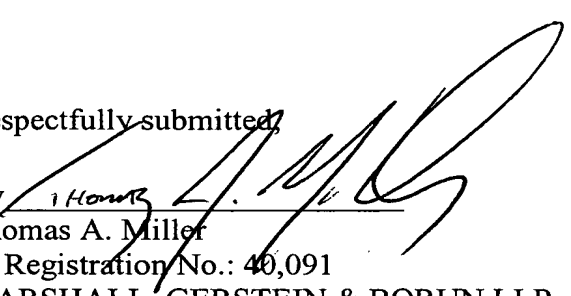


**REMARKS**

The above-referenced application was filed with claims 1-20. In the outstanding office action, claims 15-20 were allowed, claims 3-6, 8-12 and 14 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form, and claims 1, 2, 7 and 13 were rejected as obvious. By way of this amendment, claims 1, 2 and 7 are canceled, claim 13 is amended to depend from allowable claim 8, and claims 3-6, 8-12 and 14 are rewritten into independent form as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims, i.e., claims 3-6 and 8-20 are in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit same. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

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